Payment of arrears to junior technicians of PGIMER

3757. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are denying to pay arrears to the junior technicians of Post Graduates Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that arrears under Part B of Fifth Pay Commission are due to the junior technicians for the period 1st January, 1996 to 11th December, 2002; and

(c) if so, the reasons for non payment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The pay scale of Junior Technicians (Lab., X-Ray, Radiotherapy) of Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh have been notionally revised from Rs. 4500-7000 to Rs. 5000-8000 *w.e.f.* 01.01.1996, with the actual payment only from the date of issue of orders *i.e.* 12.12.2002. This decision has been taken by the Government, as Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh is an autonomous body and not directly covered by Fifth CPC recommendation and hence the question of extending higher pay scale retrospectively *i.e.* from 01.01.1996 does not arise.

Accredited pathological labs in the country

3758. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that only 60 out of estimated 14,000 labs in the private sector across the country are accredited and in Delhi alone only 10 out of 2000 labs are accredited;

(b) whether it is a fact that most pathological labs do not have any qualified pathologists, trained phlebotomists and technicians, etc., to ensure that there is no contamination of collected samples; and